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STATE OF MONTANA

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Clerk of the Montana Supreme Court
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Helena, Mt. 59620-3003

Re: Professional Rules of Conduct, Rule 8.4(g)

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my understanding that the Court is considering adopting a rule that could cause a lawyer to lose his or her job if he or she stated publicly that, "Marriage is between one man and one woman" (because it could be deemed discriminatory on the basis of sexual orientation).

Have we gone crazy? We are living in a country where you can burn the flag without consequences, but you can be charged with a crime or lose your job for expressing an opinion based on a religious belief. Does this also mean that a gay lawyer would be disbarred by stating that marriage is between two men or two women?

What about freedom of speech and freedom of religion? This is outrageous. I can't help but think that this is unconstitutional, and I believe that the US Supreme Court would rule against the constitutionality of the proposed rule.

Sincerely,



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